

November 3, 2015

**VIA ECFS**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: ***United States Telecom Association Petition for Forbearance from Certain Incumbent LEC Regulatory Obligations, WC Dkt. No. 14-192***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the procedures outlined in the *Joint Protective Order*<sup>1</sup> in the above-referenced proceedings, I hereby submit a signed acknowledgment of confidentiality executed by Mia Guizzetti Hayes, outside counsel to Birch Communications, Inc., BT Americas Inc., Granite Telecommunications, LLC, Integra Telecom, Inc., and Level 3 Communications, LLC, for purposes of reviewing confidential and highly confidential information filed in the above-referenced proceeding.

Additionally, I hereby notify the commission that Thomas Jones, Matthew Jones, and the undersigned of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, all of whom have previously submitted signed acknowledgements of confidentiality pursuant to the procedures outlined in the *Joint Protective Order*,<sup>2</sup> seek to review confidential and highly confidential information filed in the above-referenced proceeding on behalf of Birch Communications, Inc. and Granite Telecommunications, LLC, in addition to the parties referenced in the Willkie Farr & Gallagher November 7, 2014 Letter.

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<sup>1</sup> *Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from Enforcement of Obsolete Incumbent LEC Legacy Regulations that Inhibit Deployment of Next-Generation Networks*, Joint Protective Order, 29 FCC Rcd. 13539 (2014) (“*Joint Protective Order*”).

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from Matthew Jones, Counsel for BT Americas, CBeyond, Integra, and Level 3, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Dkt. No. 14-192 (Nov. 7, 2014) (“Willkie Farr & Gallagher November 7, 2014 Letter”).

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-303-1249 or spower@willkie.com if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Stephanie Power

Stephanie Power

*Counsel for Birch, BT Americas,  
Granite, Integra, and Level 3*

Attachments

## ATTACHMENT B

## Acknowledgment of Confidentiality

WC Docket No. 14-192

I am seeking access to ☐ only Confidential Information or ☒ Confidential and Highly Confidential Information.

I hereby acknowledge that I have received and read a copy of the foregoing Joint Protective Order in the above-captioned proceeding, and I understand it.

I agree that I am bound by the Joint Protective Order and that I shall not disclose or use Stamped Confidential Documents, Stamped Highly Confidential Documents, Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information except as allowed by the Joint Protective Order.

I acknowledge that a violation of the Joint Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission). I further acknowledge that the Commission retains its full authority to fashion appropriate sanctions for violations of this Joint Protective Order, including but not limited to suspension or disbarment of Counsel or Consultants from practice before the Commission, forfeitures, cease and desist orders, and denial of further access to Confidential or Highly Confidential Information in this or any other Commission proceeding.

I acknowledge that nothing in the Joint Protective Order limits any other rights and remedies available to a Submitting Party at law or in equity against me if I use Confidential or Highly Confidential Information in a manner not authorized by this Joint Protective Order.

I certify that I am not involved in Competitive Decision-Making.

Without limiting the foregoing, to the extent that I have any employment, affiliation, or role with any person or entity other than a conventional private law firm (such as, but not limited to, a lobbying or advocacy organization), I acknowledge specifically that my access to any information obtained as a result of the Joint Protective Order is due solely to my capacity as Counsel or Outside Consultant to a party or as a person described in paragraph 11 of the Joint Protective Order and agree that I will not use such information in any other capacity.

I acknowledge that it is my obligation to ensure that Stamped Confidential Documents and Stamped Highly Confidential Documents are not duplicated except as specifically permitted by the terms of the Joint Protective Order and to ensure that there is no disclosure of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information in my possession or in the possession of those who work for me, except as provided in the Joint Protective Order.

I certify that I have verified that there are in place procedures at my firm or office to prevent unauthorized disclosure of Confidential Information and Highly Confidential Information.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Joint Protective Order.

Executed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2015



Mia Guizzetti Hayes  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Stephanie Power, do hereby certify that on this 3rd day of November, 2015, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing letter by delivering a copy thereof via First Class U.S. Mail to the following:

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